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SECURITY INFORMATION

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THROUGH : Assistant Comptroller  
Chief, Administrative Staff, OSO  
Finance Division

Frequent Changes in Dependency and Residence Reports

*Policy - Travel & Per diem*

1. It has come to the attention of OSO and the Finance Division that many employees frequently change their Dependency and Residence Reports for the apparent purpose of permitting home leave travel to the point last designated as permanent residence. This situation might include the following theoretical case: An individual whose home at one time was California and who possibly still has relatives there, has been employed in Washington, D. C. for a period of ten years. During this time he and his immediate family have been living in the metropolitan area. The individual is now assigned abroad, probably for only one tour of duty, and completes his Dependency and Residence Report indicating California as his permanent address. If this individual is assigned to an area where he would not travel through California en route, his home leave in California could obviously be at considerable expense to the Government, since travel and per diem would be paid to the employee and all members of his family to and from the point of home leave. The fact that such an incident could occur under present procedures indicates a need for a review of this situation. It would appear to us that while no law or regulation may be involved, there is for consideration the policy of the Agency in such matters.

2. A question has been raised by the issuance of Paragraph 452.2 of the Foreign Service Regulations, effective 18 March 1952, as to whether or not home leave and travel incident thereto can be allowed in any event for persons who are not returning to duty abroad either immediately or upon completion of an assignment in the United States. This subject is covered by our memorandum to the Comptroller dated 11 April 1952, and is mentioned here only because it may have a bearing on the problem discussed above.

3. Your views on this matter are requested.

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